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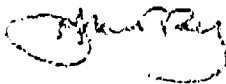
Dear Ms. Hesse:

I have followed the developments in the Microsoft case with interest. Events are leading to what appears to be a good chance for a settlement in this case. That is the reason for my letter.

I understand that the settlement imposes a number of restrictions and obligations on Microsoft, which extend to products and technologies that were not at issue in the lawsuit. In addition, these restrictions also encompass aspects of Microsoft's business and product development that were not found to be illegal by the Court of Appeals. In order to bring this case to a conclusion, Microsoft has agreed to these broad terms. I am certain they look forward to moving on and developing new products. I also understand that any violations of the settlement are punishable as contempt of court and that Microsoft's compliance with the settlement will be monitored by a three-person Technical Committee established under the settlement, by the Department of Justice and by those state plaintiffs that are party to the settlement.

The terms of this settlement sound like they are more than adequate to bring this case to conclusion. For the good of the economy and to prevent a further waste of taxpayers' money, I truly hope that to be the case.

Very truly yours,



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